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In re Application of:

Jeff S. Eder

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir or Madam:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Change the claims to read as shown below on pages 3 through 7. A marked up version of the original claims is shown on pages 8 through 13.